

Recommended Reading Ideas–Key Stage 4

There is a considerable amount of evidence to show that reading for pleasure regularly at the age of 15 is a strong factor in determining success in the world of work. Most of us would not be surprised to discover that research has shown that students who read regularly develop a better vocabulary, and that their spelling, punctuation and grammar improve significantly, compared to students who do not read. Surprisingly, though, the evidence also indicates that students who read regularly for pleasure on average do 10% better in Maths and other subjects at GCSE than those who do not. As you enter the KS 4 stage of your education, reading well becomes more important than ever. Reading novels not only helps to prepare you for your English and Literature exams, but it also feeds your imagination, enriches your vocabulary, helps you to develop empathy and inspires you with ideas for your own writing. Reading non-fiction, magazines and news articles deepens your knowledge and understanding of a whole range of subjects and increases your awareness of what is happening in the world.

There are a wealth of resources here at Ratcliffe to help you extend your reading choices. Listed below are a number of fiction recommendations to stretch and challenge you, and help you discover your own reading taste. The list is by no means exhaustive, so please feel free to come and browse the shelves for further ideas. It is merely intended as a guide to help you browse through some titles that are tried and tested and which have been enjoyed by other students of your age. Please feel free to ask Mrs Williams for further recommendations, based on your preferences, or why not check out some book review websites e.g. <http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/> or <http://www.goodreads.com>.

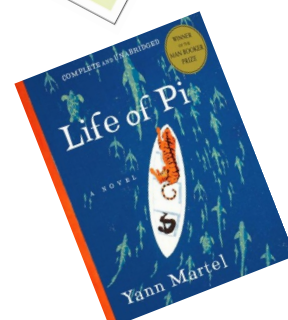
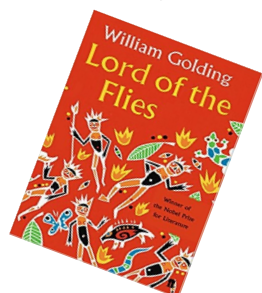
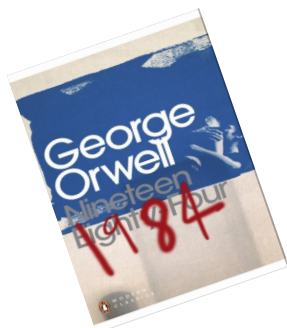
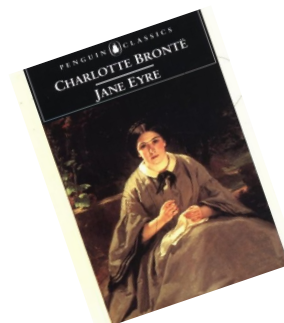
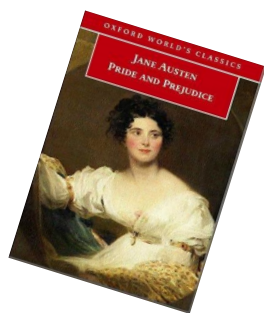
Reading non-fiction texts is also very beneficial and enjoyable. Please feel free to browse through the autobiography section and subject areas for ideas –feel free to ask for recommendations.

19th Century Classics

- *Pride and Prejudice* - Jane Austen
- *Jane Eyre* - Charlotte Bronte
- *Wuthering Heights* - Emily Bronte
- *Great Expectations* - Charles Dickens
- *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* - Thomas Hardy
- *Frankenstein* - Mary Shelley
- *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* - Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Dracula* - Bram Stoker

20th Century Modern Classics

- *Fahrenheit 451* - Ray Bradbury
- *Rebecca* - Daphne Du Maurier
- *Lord of the Flies* - William Golding
- *Catch-22* - Joseph Heller
- *Brave New World* - Aldous Huxley
- *On The Road* - Jack Kerouac
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* - Harper Lee
- *Life of Pi* - Yann Martel
- *Animal Farm /1984* - George Orwell
- *Catcher In The Rye* - J D Salinger
- *The Great Gatsby* - F Scott Fitzgerald
- *The Colour Purple* - Alice Walker



Adventure/Thriller/Crime/

- *S.T.A.G.S.* –M A Bennett
- *What I Saw and How I Lied* –Judy Blundell
- *Angels and Demons/The Da Vinci Code* –Dan Brown
- *Murder On The Orient Express* –Agatha Christie
- *Room* –Emma Donohue
- *The Girl On A Train* –Paula Hawkins
- *13 Days of Midnight* –Leo Hunt
- *Friend Request* –Laura Marshall
- *The New Recruit/Boy Soldier/Dropzone*– Andy McNab
- *The Alpha Force series*—Chris Ryan

Dystopia

- *The Handmaid's Tale* –Margaret Attwood
- *The Maze Runner series* –James Dashner
- *Wolf By Wolf* –Ryan Graudin
- *Brave New World* –Aldous Huxley
- *The Legend Trilogy* –Marie Lu
- *The Declaration Trilogy* –Gemma Malley
- *The Call* –Peadar O'Guilan
- *The Slated Trilogy* –Terri Terry
- *The Uglies Trilogy* –Scott Westerfield

Fantasy

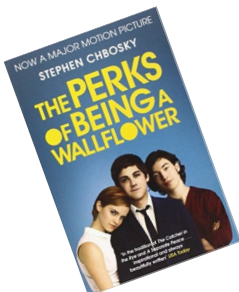
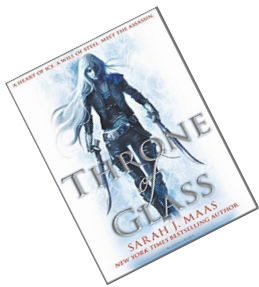
- *The Mortal Instruments series*– Cassandra Clare
- *The Throne of Glass series* –Sarah J Maas
- *The Discworld series* –Terry Pratchett
- *His Dark Materials /Book of Dust*–Philip Pullman
- *The Bartimaeus Trilogy* –Jonathan Stroud
- *The Lord of the Rings series* –J R R Tolkien

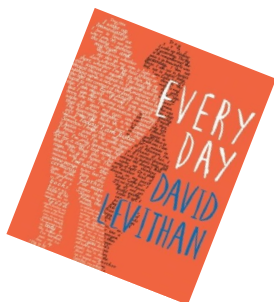
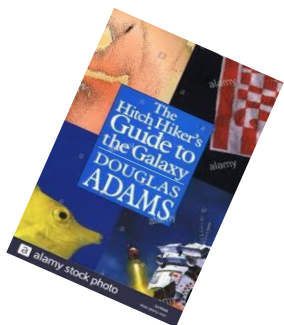
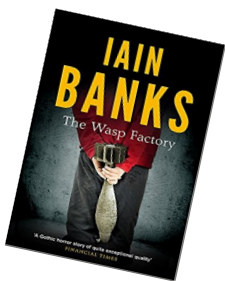
Friendship/Identity/

- *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* –Stephen Chbosky
- *Moonrise* –Sarah Crossan
- *Turtles All The Way Down* –John Green
- *After The Fire* –Will Hill
- *Letters To The Lost* –Brigid Kemmerer
- *All The Bright Places* –Jennifer Niven
- *Silence Is Goldfish* –Annabelle Pitcher
- *Orbiting Jupiter* –Gary D Schmidt
- *The Art of Being Normal* –Lisa Williamson
- *Everything Everything* –Nicola Yoon

Historical

- *Remembrance* –Theresa Breslin
- *All The Lights We Cannot See* –Anthony Doerr
- *Birdsong* –Sebastian Faulkes
- *The Diary of a Young Girl* –Anne Frank
- *The Other Boleyn Girl* –Philippa Gregory
- *Fatherland* –Robert Harris
- *Buffalo Soldier* –Tanya Landman
- *Wolf Hall* –Hilary Mantel
- *All Quiet On The Western Front* –Erich Remarque
- *The Book Thief* –Marcus Zusack





Horror/ Ghost

- *The Wasp Factory* –Ian Banks
- *Frozen Charlotte* –Alex Bell
- *The Bunker Diary* –Kevin Brooks
- *The Woman In Black* –Susan Hill
- *The Shining/It/Carrie* –Stephen King
- *Dark Matter* –Michelle Paver
- *The Forest of Hands and Teeth* –Carrie Ryan
- *Your Turn To Die* –Sue Wallman

Humour

- *The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy* –Douglas Adams
- *Bridget Jones' Diary* –Helen Fielding
- *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* –Gail Honeyman
- *My Not So Perfect Life / Undomestic Goddess*—Sophie Kinsella
- *The Adrian Mole diaries* series–Sue Townsend

Other Cultures

- *Does My Head Look Big in This?* - Randa Abdel-Fattah
- *Brick Lane* –Monica Ali
- *The Kite Runner / A Thousand Splendid Suns* –Khaled Hosseini
- *The Glass Collector* –Anna Perera
- *Killing Honour* –Bali Rai
- *White Teeth* –Zadie Smith
- *Slumdog Millionaire*—Vikas Swarup
- *Anita and Me* –Meera Syal
- *The Hate U Give* –Angie Thomas

Romance

- *P.S. I Love You* –Cecilia Aherne
- *Captain Correlli's Mandolin* –Louis de Bernieres
- *Every Day* –David Levithan
- *Atonement* –Ian McEwan
- *Me Before You* –Jojo Moyes
- *The Time Traveller's Wife* –Audrey Niefeneger
- *One Day* –David Nicholls
- *The Die For Me Trilogy* –Amy Plum
- *Eleanor and Park* –Rainbow Rowell
- *The Sun Is Also a Star* –Nicola Yoon

Science Fiction

- *BZRK* –Michael Grant
- *The Chaos Walking trilogy* –Patrick Ness
- *I am Legend* –Richard Matheson
- *War of the Worlds* –H G Wells
- *Day of the Triffids* –John Wyndham
- *The 5th Wave series*–Rick Yancey

